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Appl. No. : 09/862,939 (Confirmation No. 9754)  
Applicant : Ronald D. Hoover  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This responds to the Examiner's Amendment mailed along with the Notice of Allowance on May 24, 2004. As discussed with the Examiner, Applicant is filing this Amendment in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.